

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network's

# News from the Network

Connecting you to the volunteer community



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### Greetings Volunteer Network Members:

We are so excited about the momentum happening across the Volunteer Network! Each day we have realized new steps forward and cannot tell you how valued each of you are in this movement.

As a reminder, if you ever want to discuss your thoughts, get assistance with making a connection, or share any concerns, you can reach out to us directly at anytime. We can be reach via email at [volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:volunteer@bloomington.in.gov) or via phone at 349-3433.

~Bet & Lucy

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LESA Students Looking "Beyond the Sample Gates" for Community Partners



The Leadership, Ethics, and Social Action (LESA) program at Indiana University is welcoming two new classes of students into its "Beyond the Sample Gates" L105 course. Students registered for this class are committed to LESA's approaches of developing a *greater social awareness and sense of civil responsibility through reciprocity, reflection, and service to the*

*Bloomington community*. This semester's LESA students will be participating in a service learning experience at a community agency of their choosing.

In an effort to more effectively engage LESA students in work with community agencies, the LESA program would ask all interested agencies to contact them with specific projects or semester-long programs with which L105 students could become involved. LESA students and host agencies benefit most from service learning when work is focused around a specific need student volunteers can address and through which can create tangible and positive affects during their service learning. L105 students will be paired with agencies with which they will work during their L405 senior-year capstone project and throughout their college career.

Please contact Joeline Bergonzi (Ph. 816-1747) and the LESA program ([lesa@indiana.edu](mailto:lesa@indiana.edu)) with your agency contact information and particular projects, needs, or visions. They are excited to provide the greater Bloomington community and IU students with the opportunity to engage in a relationship of service and learning.



2007 LESA L405 Capstone Class

### Get Your Projects Completed with New Student Service Day Volunteers

**Monday, Sept. 1, 2008 from 1-4 p.m.**

New Student Service Day is a great opportunity for students to get involved with Bloomington -- their new community. PetsALIVE, Hoosier Hills Food Bank, Mother Hubbard's Cupboard Gardens and Wonderlab have all signed up to take advantage of this opportunity to have students complete a service project at their site. **But more sites are still needed!** The IU office of orientation coordinates these student volunteers and arranges for transportation, refreshments and a student coordinator for each volunteer site. All you need to do is provide a project!

Be a part of this day of student service and introduce these enthusiastic and civically engaged students to your organization. **Want to sign up your organization?** Contact: Christy Shippor, [ashipyor@indiana.edu](mailto:ashipyor@indiana.edu) or 855-4357 or Emily McCallister at 855-4357 or [emccalli@indiana.edu](mailto:emccalli@indiana.edu).  
<http://www.indiana.edu/~orient/welcomeweek/nssd.html>

## Volunteer Recruitment System Orientation – **space still available**

### Volunteer Recruitment System Orientation Dates Still Available!

The volunteers are coming....will your agency be ready for them? Over 90 organizations have completed the training and now have their volunteer opportunities represented in the Volunteer Network listings and on the calendar. Don't delay getting oriented to the new system of posting your volunteer opportunities and Wish List items with the City of Bloomington Volunteer Network! The sooner you get familiar with the system, the sooner you can begin your online matching and recruitment. It's fast, it's easy and it's a totally free service for all of our Volunteer Network members!

A soft launch of the system is planned for September, so August is the time to become familiar with the system and get your opportunities posted and ready to be viewed by potential volunteers.

**Don't miss this opportunity to continue listing your volunteer opportunities and Wish List items with the City of Bloomington Volunteer Network.**

**Register today!** Contact [volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:volunteer@bloomington.in.gov) or call 349-3433 with your preferred orientation session day and time to reserve your seat. Call or email to save your seat! [View session availability.](#)

Orientation Day/Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, Aug 26	8:30-10 a.m. <b>3 spaces available</b> or 3:30-5 p.m. <b>FULL</b>	City Hall Computer Lab (401 N. Morton St., second floor)
Thursday, Aug 28	8:30-10 a.m. <b>4 spaces available</b> or 3:30-5 p.m. <b>4 spaces available</b>	City Hall Computer Lab (401 N. Morton St., second floor)

## CareFest Looking for Volunteer Projects – **deadline Sept. 19**

For the past two years, Sherwood Oaks has mobilized over 1,500 volunteers to serve more than 30 different community agencies and schools during a one-day event called CareFest. This fall CareFest 2008 will be held on Saturday, November 1. The goal is to complete 25 projects! Find out how your agency can benefit from these volunteers. *Family-friendly projects are especially welcomed.* [Read more and download an application now.](#)



## Interested in Applying for AmeriCorps Positions? - **deadline Sept. 30**

The Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI) has released the 2009-2010 Indiana AmeriCorps\*State Request for Proposals and Application Instructions. They are placing a high priority on applicants that demonstrate strong collaboration with multiple organizations, and creativity in the use of local resources in their program design. They will only accept grant applications from new or re-competing applicants who have attended one of the Technical Assistance Workshops and have submitted the Notice of Intent to Apply by the **September 30, 2008** deadline. [Learn More.](#)

## CALENDAR

**Aug. 26 & 28**

**Volunteer Solutions Orientation Sessions**

Sign up to get your users guide and get oriented to this new volunteer management system. See more info [online](#). To register, contact the Volunteer Network at 349-3433 or [volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:volunteer@bloomington.in.gov).

### **Sept. 1 (Labor Day)**

#### **IU New Student Service Day**

New Student Service Day, sponsored by the IU Orientation office, is a great opportunity for students to get involved with Bloomington -- their new community. Students will join other members of their incoming class in various community service projects around Bloomington and the IUB campus. To propose a project for these student volunteers at your organization, contact Emily McCallister at 855-4357 or [emccalli@indiana.edu](mailto:emccalli@indiana.edu).

### **Sept. 9**

#### **IU Student Involvement Fair**

The IU Fall Volunteer Opportunities Fair will be incorporated into the Student Involvement Fair this year. It was estimated that 800 to 1200 students participated last year! That's a lot of potential volunteers. Sign up now to have a booth at <http://orientation.indiana.edu/IUSIF>

### **Sept. 16**

#### **Volunteer VIP Gathering**

Save the date for this networking and learning opportunity for all volunteer program managers and staff. Location and topic TBA. Contact Bet Savich for more information 349-3472 or [volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:volunteer@bloomington.in.gov).

### **Oct 29-30**

#### **2008 BoardSource Leadership Forum**

Nonprofit leaders are invited to join the discussion at the 2008 BoardSource Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. Registration Fee. [Read More](#).

### **Nov. 1**

#### **CareFest sponsored by Sherwood Oaks Christian Church**

CareFest, sponsored by Sherwood Oaks Christian Church, unites hundreds of volunteers for one purpose - to make a difference by serving community assistance organizations and public schools. Group volunteer projects are being solicited from nonprofit organizations who could utilize the assistance of CareFest volunteers. For more information about CareFest, contact Lyne Brown at [lbrown@socc.org](mailto:lbrown@socc.org).

#### **National Days of Service in 2008**

August 2: Community Build Day

September 11: MyGoodDeed.org

October 19 – 25: Kids Care Week

October 25: Kids Care Week

November 22: National Family Volunteer Day

To learn more about any of the National Days of Service visit the [National Days of Service Calendar](#).

### **WEEKLY VOLUNTEER UPDATE**

Get your volunteer recruitment efforts featured in the Weekly Volunteer Update! Wish you could reach thousands of interested potential volunteers with one simple task? You can!

[Submit your volunteer recruitment requests now.](#)

[Read the current Weekly Volunteer Update...](#)

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